WRITTEN ANSWERS TO UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

New package for development of NER

749. SHRI PRAKANTA WARISA: Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to announce any new package for the development of North-Eastem Region;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION (SHRI ARUNSHOURIE):(a)No,Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) Recently in 2000 the Prime Minister had announced an agenda for Socio-Economic Development of North-Eastem States and Sikkim at an estimated cost of Rs. 10,271 crores which has now been revised to Rs.*13,390.29 crores. Various Programmes and Schemes under the agenda are under implementation. The Projects/schemes under the agenda relate to infrastructural development in the sectors of Power, Roads, Airports, Health and Other schemes of employment generation etc. On completion of these schemes/programmes, the North Eastern States will have better infrastructure, greater connectivity and increase in employment opportunities.

The status of implementation of programmes and Schemes of Prime Minister's Agenda for Socio-Economic Development of North Eastern States and Sikkim, announced at Shillong on 22nd January, 2000 can also be seen at website: pmindia.nic.in.

Valuation of PSUs to be disinvested

750. SHRI AHMED PATEL: Will the Minister of DISINVESTMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to disinvest some PSUs by the end of March, 2002;